

REMARKS

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 11-25, and respectfully requests reconsideration of the requirement for new drawings.

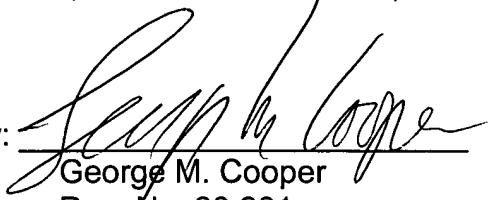
First of all, it is noted that the Office Action indicates that the certified copy of the priority document has not been received. However, the present application is based on PCT/US00/4002, and the priority document was submitted in that application. The receipt of the certified copy is clearly indicated on the "Notification of Acceptance" mailed to applicant on 12 September 2001 (copy enclosed).

The drawings have been objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a), with the assertion that they "must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims". The Office Action then asserts that various features such as a point source, a sample, a far field imager, near field microscopy movable with respect to the sample, etc. must be illustrated.

In order to meet this requirement, Applicant submits herewith new Fig. 3, which illustrates in block diagram form, without the addition of new matter, the type of equipment which might be used to carry out the claimed method steps. An amendment to the specification providing a description of Fig. 3 is also submitted. It is submitted that no new matter is added by these amendments.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned upon receipt of this material to discuss any changes that might be requested.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please amend the drawings by adding a new Figure 3. A new formal drawing is attached.